

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

AL-III-C-180
~~Needs Number~~

Property Name: Jordan Farm Property Inventory Number: AL-III-C-180
Address: Old Willowbrook Road SE Historic district: yes ☒ X no
City: Cumberland Zip Code: 21502 County: Allegany
USGS Quadrangle(s): Evitts Creek, Flintstone
Property Owner: Evitts LLC Tax Account ID Number: 010530
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 162 Tax Map Number: 26
Project: Cumberland Meadows Agency: Maryland DHCD and ARRA
Agency Prepared By: Cho Benn Holback
Preparer's Name: Anath Ranon Date Prepared: 12/8/2009
Documentation is presented in: Genealogical Society of Allegany County, Maryland; Cumberland City Directories; Enoch Pratt Free Library; Western Maryland Regional Library (WHILBR) online; Sanborn Maps online; Maryland Land Records online: deeds

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ X Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes ☒ no Listed: ☐ yes ☒ no

Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ X no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Description:

The property is a grassy field and contains two structures: a main residence with attached shed, and a detached garage of recent vintage. The property sits just south and west of Evitts Creek on a parcel that abuts the north edge of Allegany College in Cumberland, Maryland, about 2 miles east of Cumberland proper. The property is primarily open space, with two large conifers adjacent to the main residence.

The main residence is a 2-story plus basement structure that was built in 1899. It appears that numerous modifications have occurred over the years, both exterior and interior, and there are obvious structural deficiencies visible at the foundation. The front of the house faces south, and is framed by a two-story covered porch, which appears to be a recent addition, perhaps replacing an older porch.

A series of gable and shed roofs cover the building. The main front gable is intersected by an attic gable facing the front porch. A second gable covers the northwest quarter of the house, and the northeast corner is covered by a shallow sloped shed roof. Soffits, eaves and rake undersides are vinyl.

Windows are double-hung four-over-four wood sash, and appear to be original. First and second story windows align top to

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MHT Comments:

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Reviewer, National Register Program

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bottom, and are symmetrically located on each elevation, with the exception of the windows on the northeast quadrant. The only trim features of note are the round gable vents at the front of the building – these appear to be original.

The entire main building, including exterior walls and roof, is clad in asphalt shingles in poor condition, an indication that they were installed at least 30 to 40 years ago. The original brick foundation is covered in metal siding. The two-story front porch sits on a concrete slab and the double-height wood columns sit on plain concrete masonry unit bases.

Inside, the house is divided into 4 rooms of almost equal size, with a narrow center stair at the front. Floors are carpet or vinyl sheet over the presumably original wood floors. Walls are papered over or covered with wood paneling. Ceilings are adhered or suspended acoustic ceiling tile. On the first floor, the two front rooms are divided by the stair leading up to the second floor. The room in the northeast quadrant contains a wide vanity with sink, plus overhead cabinet of recent vintage. The room in the northeast quadrant contains a laundry sink, and has a flimsy set of partial-height partitions creating a bathroom, as well as a narrow set of wood stairs leading to northeast quadrant room on the second floor.

The second floor is similarly divided into four rooms – the only notable fact is that the room in the northwest quadrant is closed off from the rest of the second floor and is only accessible from the narrow wood stair connecting it to the room downstairs.

There is a noticeable slope and sponginess to all the floors in the house. The brick chimney in one of the two front rooms is in poor condition – the plaster cladding and brick mortar is severely deteriorated from what appears to be water damage.

The partial basement, which is accessed from a flimsy set of wood steps from the northeast quadrant room, contains two old 250-gallon oil tanks, water heaters and a more recent vintage furnace. The brick basement walls, originally plastered over, are in poor condition – most of the plaster has crumbled and the brick mortar is extremely soft, presumably from water damage. A number of the wood floor joists exhibit deterioration at their bearing ends.

The lean-to porch at the back of the house is built of open wood studs laid flat, covered with wood siding at the exterior side. The wood plank floor, which is rotting, is set over wood joists bearing directly on the earth.

Significance:

The Jordan farm property does not appear to be significant under any of the National Register Criteria. The site itself is compromised by the nearby construction of Allegany Community College.

National Register Criterion A: No information has been found to indicate that this property is or was associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history. During the latter half of the 19th century through the early part of the 20th century, Cumberland developed as a railroad, manufacturing and industrial town. The Jordan farm property, presumably improved during this time period, was more closely associated with the already established practice of farming.

National Register Criterion B: No information has been found to indicate that this property is or was associated with the lives of significant persons in the past. The property has changed hands over a dozen times since 1870, and has been in the hands of at least four different families, none of whom have been found to be of significance in the area.

National Register Criterion C: The main residence does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction. Although in plan the house is similar to what is known as the four-square house, the roof forms contradict the association with this housing type, which usually features a wide hip roof. The building is very basic, and contains none of the characteristics of the more stylized versions of the four-square houses.

Finally, the historic integrity of both the setting and building has been compromised. The building sits on a 2.67 acre parcel, part of a subdivision that has received preliminary approval and will receive final approval as part of the Cumberland Meadows development project. No evidence remains of any farming or agricultural substance that occurred on the original 30 to 32 acre site. In 1961, Allegany College was built just south of the property, with student housing built in the past decade just west of the property, compromising the original rural setting. As for the building itself, 100% of the building's exterior materials are concealed beneath "modern" asphalt shingles, and about 75% of the building's interior materials are concealed by a variety of more modern materials.

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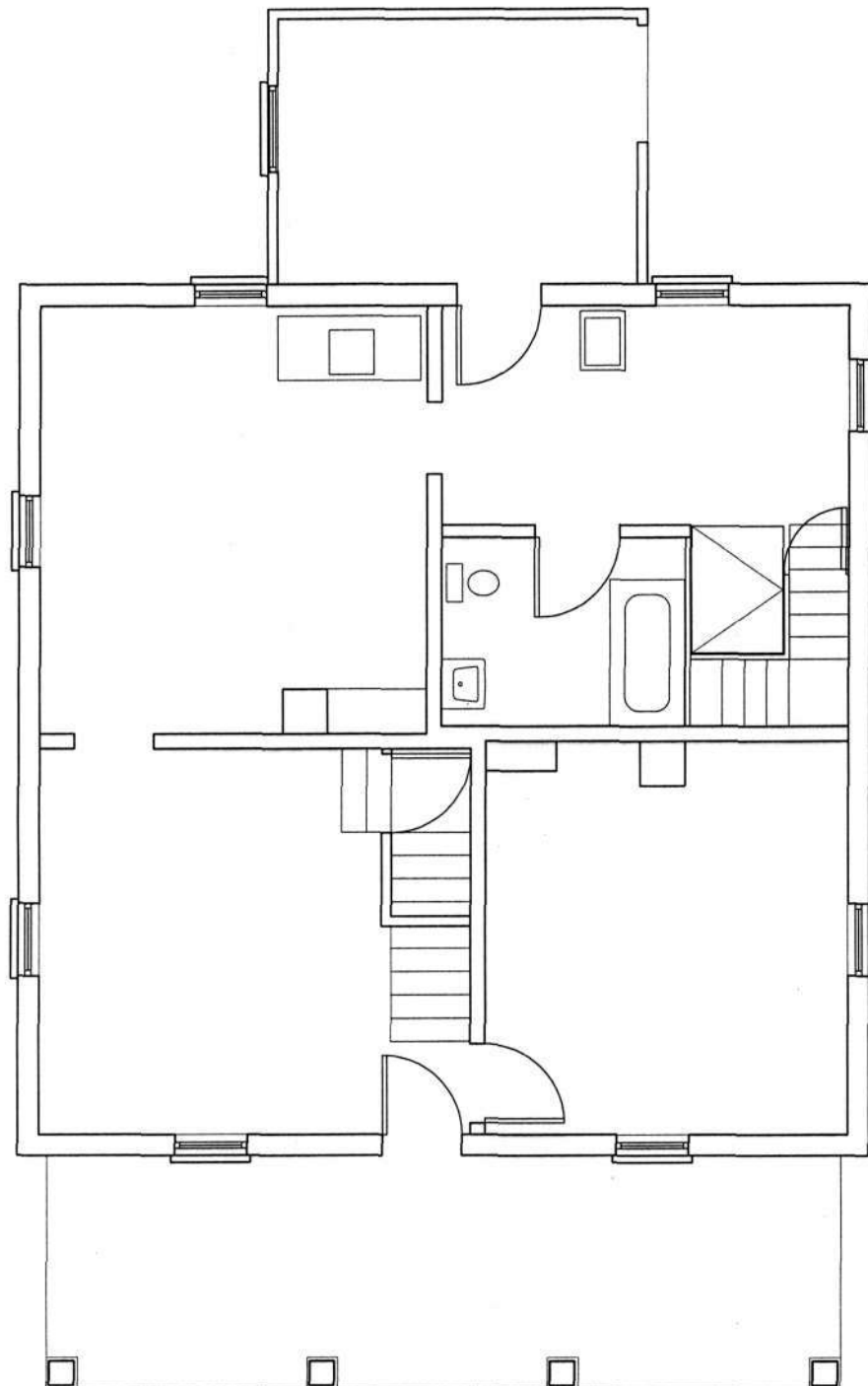
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**FIRSTFLOOR
PLAN**

JORDAN FARM PROPERTY
WODA Cumberland Meadows Project

PROJECT NO. 20995

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OLD WILLOWBROOK ROAD SE
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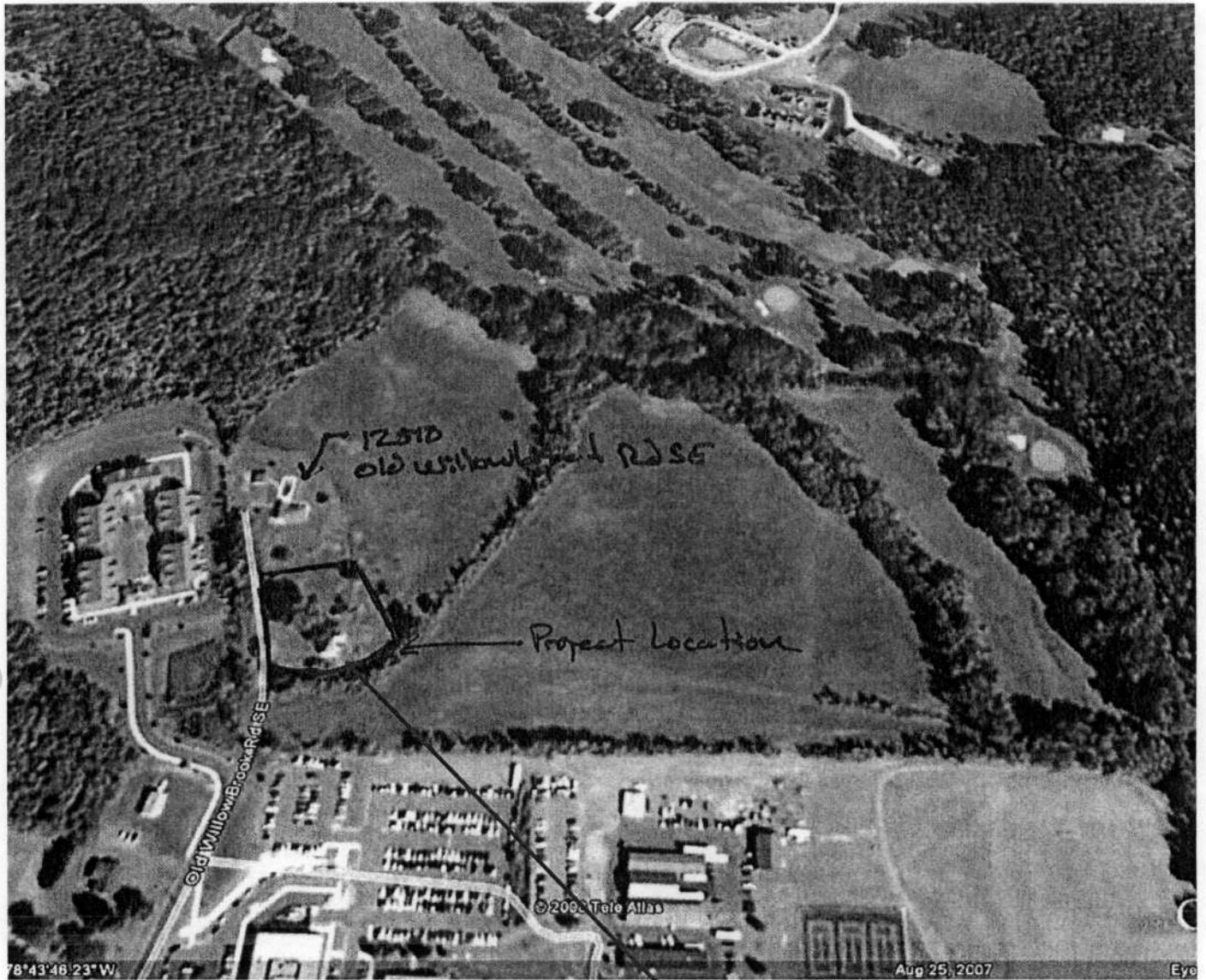
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14TH FLOOR
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LOCATION MAP

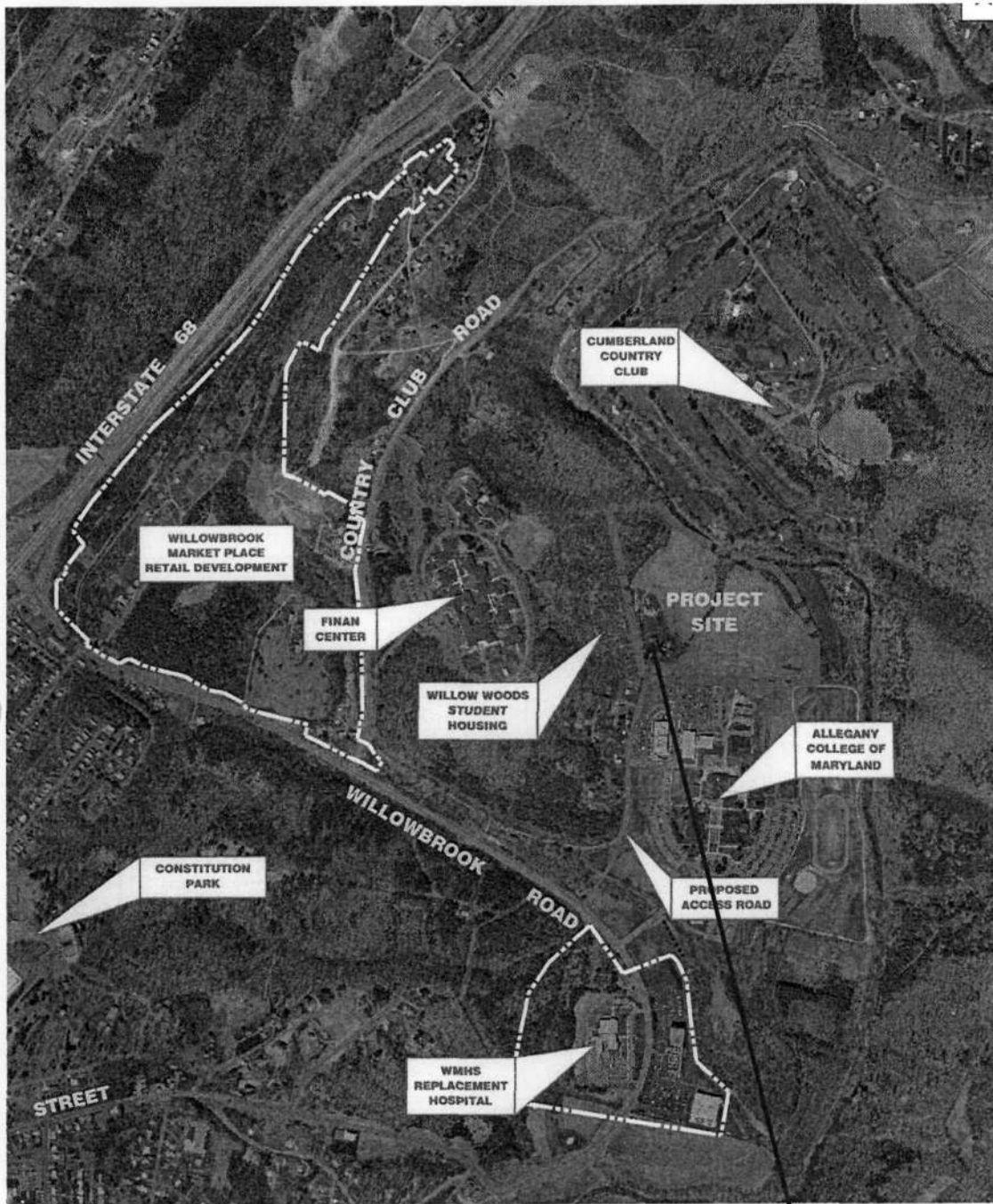


Jordan Farm Property
Site Boundaries
2.67 Acres

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VICINITY MAP



Jordan Farm Property
Site Location
30 Acres

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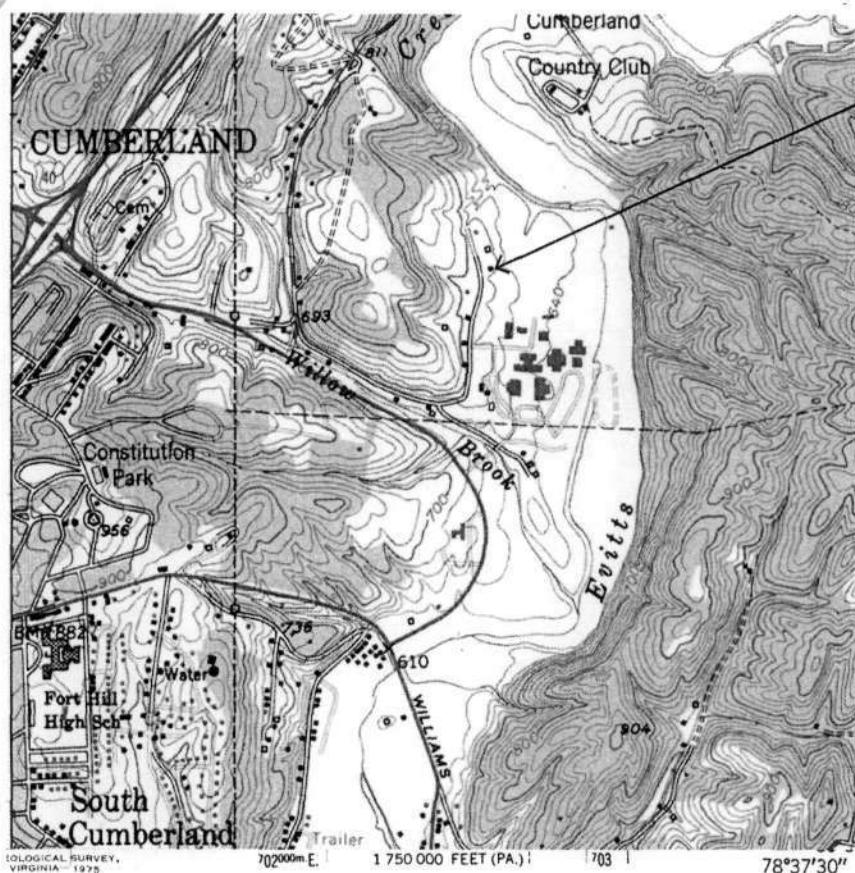
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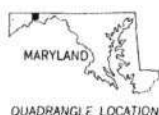
USGS MAP (PARTIAL)



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Site Location

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
□ U. S. Route ○ State Route



EVITTS CREEK, MD.-PA.-W. VA.
NW/4 FLINTSTONE 15' QUADRANGLE
N3937.5—W7837.5/7.5

1949
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Red tint indicates area in which only
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